

Enrollment increases, highest level since '77

Wartburg has scored one of the largest—possibly the largest—enrollment increases of all private colleges in Iowa, according to figures released by the administration.

Total enrollment is 1131, up 51 students, or 4.6 percent, from last year. Dr. Edwin Welch, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, attributes the increase to the “high morale factor” on campus.

“It was instrumental in retaining students and boosting a sense of well-being among faculty and students,” he said.

Entering freshmen account for the largest share of the increase—9.2 percent over last year. Transfers are up 7.3 percent over 1981.

Over all, Wartburg's enrollment is the highest since 1977.

According to Registrar Harold Sundet, Wartburg has 337 freshmen, 258 sophomores, 268 juniors, 223 seniors and 45 special students (those who do not take full loads). Among the student body are 78 foreign students and 59 transfers.

Other Iowa colleges have been slow to release their enrollment figures, although Mount Mercy has reported an increase, while a story in the *Cornellian*, the student newspaper of Cornell College, indicates that Cornell's enrollment is the lowest since 1962. The Mount Vernon school registered 848 students, down 59 from last year.

'F' returns; students await new grade scale

by LEIF LARSON

Students at Wartburg College will be exposed to a new grading system this year. The faculty has revised the old system in hopes of providing greater motivation for the student, as well as gaining a more accurate picture of how well a student is doing.

One of the changes is in the straight grade the student receives. In the past, the student has been awarded an A, B, C, D or N (no credit) for his or her efforts in the classroom. A new system of pluses and minuses has been added, and the N has been replaced by an F. By doing this, the faculty hopes to give each student a better picture of how well he or she is doing, and also to motivate the student to strive for the most possible points within a grade (a plus), rather than settling for just getting by (a minus).

Another change is that the F will now be figured into the student's grade point average (GPA). The GPA had previously been unaffected by a failing

grade, which simply went down as “no credit.” Thus it was possible (although not probable) for a student to have a four-point grade average while still having failed a class. Too often, this had prompted students to allow themselves to fail and receive no credit rather than receive a D, which would pull down their GPA.

A third revision is in the pass/no credit system. If a student elects to take a course pass/no credit, he or she will need a grade above C minus to pass; will receive the appropriate point value if doing D plus, D or D minus work; and will be given no credit for an F. In the past, anything above a D was passing and work below F was no credit.

Dr. Edwin Welch, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, hopes students will respond to the new system by striving for better grades, and believes the increased motivation of the new system will be a key factor in bettering the students.



Loren Niemi delights his audience with a tale at Friday's storytellers coffeehouse.

Tackle-turned-lawyer next convo speaker

by LISA SCHWARTZ

Alan Page, former All-Pro defensive tackle for the Minnesota Vikings and now an attorney at law, will be the first to speak in a special series of Convocations entitled “Private Initiative and Public Interest” Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Page will speak on the tension students experience between the poles of athletics and academics. He is particularly concerned with the need to discover one's identity and the willingness to take initiative, as well as stressing the importance of minorities in gaining an education.

Currently, Page is an attorney for the Minneapolis law firm of Lindquist and Vennum. He graduated in 1967 from Notre Dame and in 1978 from the

University of Minnesota Law School.

In addition to being a regular commentator for National Public Radio's “Morning Edition,” Page is also active in many charitable and public service organizations, such as the Minnesota, National and American Bar Associations, the American Cancer Society, the United Negro College Fund and the American Lung Association.

In 1971, Page became the only defensive player in the history of the National Football League to receive the Most Valuable Player award. In 1981, he was honored by the U.S. Jaycees as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men. He also is noted for his involvement in the negotiations between the owners and the players of the Chicago Bears last year.

Computers foretell change

second of two parts

by MICHELLE SANDEN

The advent of a central computing system on the Wartburg campus, a possibility for this November, will affect students, faculty and staff in subtle yet important ways.

Dr. Marvin Ott, director of administrative computing and institutional research, said, “It won't change the heart and soul of Wartburg, but it will make a difference.”

The college received a Title III grant from the government to expand Wartburg's computer facilities. The Board of Regents must still authorize the expenditures, but plans are being made to purchase and install a central computing system on campus before the end of this Fall Term.

The proposed system would contain several clusters of terminals to improve student and faculty access to

the computers. Ott said plans include housing terminals in Luther Hall, Becker Hall of Science, the Business Administration Center and in the workrooms of college administrative offices.

Mr. Josef Breutzmann, director of the computer center, also said the possibility of locating a cluster of terminals in the library is being discussed.

How will the new system change life at Wartburg? Both Ott and Breutzmann agreed the exact impact of the computer expansion is hard to project. But each one had several ideas of possible effects on the campus:

Students, faculty and staff who have learned to operate the International Business Machine Corp. (IBM) system which the college presently uses will need to learn how to use the new system. Ott said he plans to offer several “mini-courses” designed for this purpose.

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Mason urges student involvement

by LYNNE MILDENSTEIN

"You can make this place what you want it to be through the Senate," Admissions Director Doug Mason told the Student Senate Wednesday. Mason is the head of the Admissions Involvement Committee, designed to get students involved in the admissions process.

"Many students know kids back home that are still undecided as to which college to attend," Mason said. He urged Wartburg students to talk to prospective students. "They are more impressed with college students' opinions, than with a sales pitch from Admissions."

Mason believes the committee is needed to maintain a steady enrollment. At the pace college enrollments are declining throughout the United States, he noted,

Wartburg enrollment could be reduced to 700-800 students. Wartburg's enrollment now stands at 1131.

Personal coverage needs to be increased to sell Wartburg as a personal college, Mason explained. He said students must develop an attitude to make Wartburg a better place, by encouraging quality students to attend Wartburg.

"You wouldn't be here if you didn't believe in this place," Mason said.

The committee will be involved in various activities, such as assisting in initial calls, bringing friends over for the weekend, calling people during student vacations and putting names on mailing lists.

"If we do a good job, we can keep our enrollment up, while others are down," Mason stated.



Taking advantage of the warm weather, a student leaves the dorms to do some necessary studying under the shade of a tree.

For Nancy Heldt, college 20-year experience

by MICHELLE SANDEN

Nancy Heldt was a college freshman in 1962. This fall she began her senior year at Wartburg College. In the intervening 20 years, Nancy married twice, had two children, worked and went back to school twice and dropped out both times.

Heldt is a non-traditional student, one of a growing number of older people who have decided to attend college. Last Tuesday, approximately 30 of Wartburg's non-traditional students met to organize a support group for themselves.

Heldt is the student who has led the efforts to establish a support group for the non-traditionals on campus. Last year, she was in Dr. John Schwartz's class, Sociology of the Aging. Discussions in that class led her to a research project on non-traditional students.

She surveyed some of Wartburg's non-traditional students last spring, and she said she felt there was a need for a special group for those students, a group which could share the same concerns and problems which face all of them as non-traditional students.

A traditional student, according to Heldt, is one who attends a four-year college right out of high school, stays at that college for the entire four years, lives on campus, is single and graduates within four to six years after matriculation.

Non-traditional students include everyone else: transfer students, married students, students living off campus and students who are entering higher education after working for several years after high school graduation. At Wartburg, anyone over 24 years old is considered a non-traditional student.

Heldt said non-traditional students face many problems which are unique. The support group provides a forum where these problems can be discussed and hopes to provide some assistance in dealing with these problems, or changing the causes.

At Tuesday's meeting, a group of students considering themselves non-traditional listed some of the problems they deal with every day. Heldt grouped these into three areas: family matters, communication and academic requirements.

Many non-traditionals are married and have families. One problem they face is providing daycare for their children while they are on campus. Heldt said other schools in the country have adopted programs to provide daycare for the children of non-traditional students.

Another difficulty related to the family is the trauma associated with a parent or spouse going to college. The family, as well as the student, must adjust to the new lifestyle.

Heldt cited isolation as another major concern of non-traditional students. Since they are on campus for only a few hours a day, they do not have the oppor-

related to the fact that many non-traditionals do not have campus post office boxes.

Heldt said this cuts the students off from the rest of the campus, since many announcements are made through the campus mail. Students were also upset over an incident last winter. Classes were canceled because of a snowstorm. Students living on-campus were notified of the cancellation, but the many non-traditional students who commute did not discover this until they arrived on campus, ready for classes. The same type of thing occurs when Outfly is called.

The other area of concern is academic requirements. A major complaint the non-traditional students have is the Activity Fee of \$67.50 which all students must pay. This fee is broken down among various student activities, including subscriptions to the student newspaper, rental of a campus mail box,

are the physical education requirement, the food plan offered to commuting students and academic advisers not knowing or explaining the requirements for graduation.

Heldt said the administration has been supportive of the idea for the group. She talked to Dr. Kent Hawley, vice president for student affairs, this summer and was surprised that the administration had already begun to plan for the special needs of the non-traditionals.

"Dr. Hawley has been just marvelous about this whole thing," Heldt said.

Kirby Gull, assistant professor of social work, has been appointed faculty adviser of the group. Heldt said he and Hawley have both been helpful in organizing the group.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, 11 a.m., in the Jousting Post 11. Heldt said she was surprised the group wanted to meet again so soon, but she was very happy the students were "so enthusiastic" about the group.

Some of the group's goals are to cause administrative changes through dialogue between the two groups, to involve the families of non-traditionals with the students' friends on campus, to establish a program where credit will be given for previous work experience, and to provide all non-traditional students with campus mail boxes.

Heldt said Wartburg is taking positive steps to meet the needs of its non-traditional students, although the college is behind other schools in its efforts.

"Private colleges especially have to become more and more aware of non-traditional students if they want to survive," Heldt said.

As for Heldt, she will continue to commute from Oelwein with her son, Sean, a Wartburg freshman. She will graduate at the end of this year with a degree in social work-20 years after she began her college career.

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tunities to become acquainted with other students or Wartburg activities. This isolation also extends to their families; the student has little time left to socialize with family members and friends in their home community.

Communication is another area of concern for the non-traditional students. At Tuesday's meeting, several of them said they felt they didn't know the faculty, staff and administration. One example of a lack of communication is

admission to Artist Series and to athletic events.

Heldt and the other students think it is unfair they must pay this fee since they cannot take advantage of many of the activities which it covers. Heldt said the non-traditionals with a family, a job and school work have no time for these activities; this is especially true of those students who commute from outside of Waverly.

Other concerns relating to academics



Chopsticks

Senior Chris Hendrickson enjoys some oriental cuisine and gets some practice using chopsticks. Benno Eschweiler photo.

Loeb to host sale of paintings

by KENG LOO

John Loeb, former assistant professor of art, will hold a sale of paintings, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25. The sale is at Loeb's "Studio 611," 611 Crestwood Ave., Waverly.

Loeb works primarily in watercolor, though he has also worked with oils and acrylic. Paintings from several of his current series will be on sale. Two series, the Quadna Mountain series and the Northfield Mesa series, were inspired by land formations in Minnesota.

Loeb said he works mostly in the studio from sketches and impressions

that he believes capture the essence of the mountains and the mesa.

"I am an experimenter," Loeb said, describing his style. He added he did not want to be trapped by strict categorization.

"A good painting is a good painting, whether it is abstract or it is photo-realistic," he said.

Loeb's art sale has been an annual event for the past six years. But this one differs from the others, because Loeb will be moving to a new job soon, and he has included paintings of personal and sentimental value that previously were unavailable.

KWAR plans to broadcast the Alan Page convocation, Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. Page's address will be rebroadcast that night at 8. KWAR will also broadcast morning chapel every day at 10, with a rebroadcast at 8 p.m. KWAR is located at 89.1 on the FM dial.

Gayle Biedermann, instructor of music, will present a soprano voice recital Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p.m. in the Art Gallery. Biedermann will perform a mixture of renaissance and early American music and will be accompanied by harpsichord and recorder. There is no admission charge.

KWAR will hold a general staff meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 9 p.m. in the Jousting Post II. Anyone who cannot attend is asked to call Mike Allen, ext. 209.

Chapel schedule for this week:

Tuesday, Sept. 21—Father David Pepper, St. Mary's Catholic Church (Neumann Auditorium, 10 a.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 23—Chaplain Larry Trachte (Neumann Auditorium, 10 a.m.)

Friday, Sept. 24—Deb Newton, senior (Buhr Lounge, 10 a.m.)

The Trumpet will hold its weekly staff meeting tonight at 7 in the reporter room in Neumann House. Staff members are encouraged to attend. Others interested in working for the *Trumpet* are invited. Editors will meet at 6:30 p.m.

The Blood Mobile will be here Nov. 8 to collect blood for the Waterloo Blood Bank. Interested helpers or donors should contact Randeel Ellefson, campus nurse, ext. 229.

Alcohol education begins at Wartburg

Alcohol education is now possible at Wartburg through the group known formerly as Project CORK.

Under the supervision of Jim Davies, resident director of Clinton Hall, the alcohol education group plans to promote responsible drinking, provide information for students and faculty on alcohol related questions and provide support through interactions with other people.

"Drinking is not wrong," Davies said. "We only want to make students and faculty aware of the alternatives to

drinking."

Davies' personal goals are similar to the group's goals, in that he wants the public to realize alcohol abuse is on the campus. He intends to conduct a survey to try and find out how much abuse there actually is.

Davies would also like to see an Alcohol Awareness Week, in which films and speakers would be available. Along with the Alcohol Awareness Week, Davies would like to start a support group for anyone interested in alcohol problems.

Computer access to improve

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Ott also predicts "a tremendous surge in the demand for textediting." This would allow students to write and edit their papers on the computer system.

Breutzmann predicts an increased enrollment in the computer classes. He also said classes outside the traditional realm of those who use computers will now be able to utilize this technology in their fields.

The possibility of electronic mail also exists. Breutzmann said it might be possible for the system to act as a kind of mail service: students, faculty and staff could send messages to each other via the computer terminals.

Breutzmann and Ott both discussed the possibility that students with their own terminals in the dorm rooms could connect into the central computing system. This would be accomplished by using a communications modem which could transmit signals over the college's new phone system.

Breutzmann said that long range goals include "universal access" to the computer system. This means that anyone who owns a computer terminal could use the central system. Breutzmann also said that eventually college-owned terminals may be placed in the dormitories.

"More students would have access (to the system) and they would have access at non-traditional times," Breutzmann said.

On the administrative side, the new system would

allow professors and office workers to do more record keeping on the computer. Both men said this should aid college efficiency and create more time for the users to do other things.

Computers on campus are not a new development. The Public Information Office and student publications share a Varityper Comp/Edit phototypesetting system which utilizes computer technology. Engelbrecht Library uses two computers in its work. An IBM Displaywriter system was installed this summer and is being used for admissions and financial aid.

The computers which most students are aware of are those in Becker Hall. In addition to the large IBM terminal in the computer center, the college owns several Apple II microcomputers. These are the computers which computer classes now use in classwork.

Ott credits Dr. Edwin Welch, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, for the tremendous increases Wartburg is planning for computer usage.

"Through Dean Welch's leadership, we have the opportunity to leapfrog to where we would have been in 1982-83 if we had started a few years earlier (than we did)."

The effect the system will have on campus is yet to be determined. As Ott said, much of it will depend on the needs of the Wartburg community.



Two students work on Wartburg's current computer.



editorials

Questions lack of support for resources conference

"Why is soil conservation an issue?"

That was one of the opening statements from Charles McGlaughlin, former president of the Iowa Association of the Soil Conservation Commissioners, at last Thursday's "Stewardship of Natural Resources" conference.

Despite the apparent need to conserve precious topsoil, soil conservation is nonetheless a very important issue. That is why attendance at last week's two-day conference was disappointing.

The issue of soil conservation affects everyone, not just farmers.

Last week's conference was informative, insightful and interesting. Finding time to attend conferences such as this is not easy, but some time should be found. Better attendance would have made the conference a tremendous success.

"Attendance for both days wasn't as good as I had hoped," Sam Michaelson, chairman of the English Department and coordinator of the conference, said. But he added the conference was still very good. "We had a real good group of people, very authoritative and involved in the issue of conservation."

The conference pointed out current problems with

natural resources and offered varied solutions. Michaelson said that some people may not have attended because the conference was partially future oriented.

"Sometimes people aren't that interested in something that deals with the future and that's not good," Michaelson said.

That definitely is not good. The speakers stressed that public involvement was necessary. "We need to increase the public level of commitment (to soil conservation)," Marty Strange, co-director of the Center for Rural Affairs, said. "We have to restore to agriculture the price that makes erosion unwantable. We don't because of money."

More commitment by the public is necessary if any changes in the ways of conservation are to be made. Conferences like this are just the beginning, but still important.

Despite the turnout, Michaelson was very pleased with the conference. "Nothing went wrong, and it helped publicize Wartburg," Michaelson said. "I just hope we do it again."

We hope that a conference like this is conducted again, and also hope that the turnout will be much, much better.

letters

Apologies offered

I would like to extend my humblest apologies to anyone living in the Centennial Complex who was disturbed as a result of the music at the party, Sept. 10.

I would also like to apologize to the entire Homecoming Committee, Arlene Slack, Bob Zinn and Rose Kukla for any inconveniences that might have resulted from my actions or failure to act.

Bill Puffett, senior

Letters policy

The *Trumpet* welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be delivered to Neumann House or sent to the *Trumpet*, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA 50677.

The deadline for submitting letters is 5 p.m. Thursday, prior to the date of publication. Please limit letters to 300 words. The *Trumpet* reserves the right to edit or withhold publication of any letter.

Only signed letters will be published.

Learning from children

It is ironic that so few children are ever seen in this academic community. One could make the conclusion that intellectual pursuits and the expansion of knowledge are only for those who at least have the dubious honor of possessing a driver's license. But one who makes such a conclusion is lacking more than mere insightfulness.

There is much to be learned from little children. They may not even be able to walk or talk yet, but they are most definitely capable of learning. Innate in every learner is also the ability to teach. So let us learn from them.

Consider for a moment a child's innate fear of darkness. In the darkness of the nighttime, shapes, sounds and shadows become instigators of terror. Even things that are treasured possessions during the

a religious perspective

by DENISE HERMANSTORFER



brilliance of the daylight, become evil when they cannot be fully seen. There is something about ambiguity that frightens people. They do not like to deal with it, but they do every day.

Even in Christianity it is necessary to deal with ambiguity. Questions about God, judgment, heaven and hell plague the thoughts of humankind. It often seems there is no explanation for these awful shadows of evil; the loneliness, the emptiness, the despair. Perhaps there is no answer, or at least one that can be seen while one is still in the dark. But, we are children of light.

Christ stands for this world as a light in the midst of darkness. Like a nightlight shines for a child, Christ is a Christian's center of hope and reassurance. He does not take away all the uneasiness one has, nor give easy answers to the questions one has. He merely burns for us all, reminding us of the promise of light; a promise of unfailing love.

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Columnist Eileen Zahn views the construction of the Business Administration Center. She expresses her thoughts in her column below.

Construction spawns ideas, suggestions from columnist

Vice President Walter Fredrick said that the new Business Administration Center "will go up before your very eyes."

The only thing I see growing drastically is the dirt piles. Frankly, I thought the new building would be a little more snappy. You know—walls, windows and things like that.

I just can't see that walking across a pile of dirt is any major improvement.

Actually, I think it'll be a neat building. I can't quite figure out exactly what it's going to look like, but President Vogel wouldn't lie to us. If he says it's neat, it's neat.

I just hope it's done before I finish school. No building ever finished within a budget, and I absolutely refuse to be the victim of a phone-a-rama. I'd much rather contribute to something I get to use.

Did you ever listen to what people are saying about the construction? Most people are complaining about the extra steps to walk around it. I admit for a while I did, until someone told me how foolish I was.

"Listen here," she said. "You're griping like you have to walk down to Bremer and back just to get to Luther. It's maybe 100 steps extra. Big deal."

Okay, so maybe I'm just a little bit lazy. And you know, she's right. I mean, look at this college. The whole campus could fit in a large park.

It takes, at the very most, 10 minutes to walk across this campus. And that's if you're blind, on crutches and carrying a sack of groceries.

Barring those handicaps, walking this campus is a breeze. Just follow the cow paths. Those cow paths are really tricky in the winter. Man, I've seen people do triple axles and double toe loops before crashing to the ground.

And what's the first thing they do, even before checking for fractures? They look to see how many people saw them. Try to tell me they don't.

I think I have a solution for all that indignity.

Let's build underground passages connecting all the buildings on campus. Wouldn't that be fun? Just think of the echoes it'd make. One of my friends goes to a school that has tunnels. She says it's lots of

aye! there's the rub

by EILEEN ZAHN



fun to go skateboarding and rollerskating up and down the halls during the winter. And for a real thrill they have wagon-racing championships.

And another thing. There wouldn't be any sidewalks to shovel. We could make four or five street entrances to the college, so all the people for convocations could get in.

And if a person laid in supplies, he or she could stay indoors until April. Keep plants in your room to get oxygen.

Just think of the money the school would save. Gosh. Maybe they could think of using the surplus in a really drastic way—say, paved parking lots.

What do you say? Winter's getting close so we'd better start now.

Who wants to dial the first phone?

A little bit about a lot of things

To make the pages of a newspaper, most news must be bad news, and here's some especially for you. This past Friday the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front page article headlined "Many Recent Grads/Who Got Good Jobs/Now Are Losing Them."

The article outlined how recent grads are finding themselves in the frantic world of unemployment. Experts like Victoria Ball, director of career-planning services at Brown University in Providence, RI, have described the job market as the "worst in years and years," according to the *Journal*.

This job market has led to an unemployment figure of 6.1 percent for all professional and technical

until then, keep smiling

by JOHN MOHAN



people age 20-24 in August. This rate translates into 104,000 men and women identical to the students at Wartburg.

Last Labor Day I spent an afternoon talking with a friend who was one of those 104,000. She is happy now because she finally found a job. Fortunate for her, the job offer came the same day she had decided to apply at several factories in the Twin Cities that were offering \$6.50 an hour to box cosmetics.

At one point in the conversation she turned and looked at me and said, "John, all the stereotypes are true. It's a rat race. People out there just don't give a damn about you."

Viewing a college education as job insurance has proved to be unrealistic. The *Wall Street Journal* cited examples of recent grads with double majors who were shocked when they lost their jobs.

The *Journal* quotes Dale Pritchett, a recently unemployed graduate from the University of Miami, "I think a lot of people in my generation view education in an extremely practical way — simply to get a job. . . Maybe I should have gotten an English degree instead and really learned something." Pritchett had received a degree in music and business.

I guess I'll enjoy my idealism now while I have the chance. At the end of this year my whole personality will probably change to fit the wonderful economic situation. At least my majors — Communication Arts and Political Science — apply to daily life and not just a job.

This column has been too depressing. I want to end it on a note of humor. Let's talk about Congressman Cooper Evans. In a recent news release printed in a republican journal, Evans' campaign characterized his opponent, Lynn Cutler, as a "ultra-liberal activist."

The piece was more suited to the *National Enquirer*. Evans' people went on to claim Cutler had an attitude of flip rhetoric concerning public service.

I'm not sure if I'd call calculated, thoughtful responses to difficult questions flip rhetoric but evidently Evans thinks this is the case. Cutler was far from flip when she pointed out \$1.5 million was budgeted for servicemen to vaccinate pets while vaccination programs for children had been eliminated or severely reduced.

A candidate, like Cutler, who struggles to represent all factions of a district is, according to Evans supporters, an "ultra-liberal activist."

This column is getting long, and I'm wondering if anybody is still reading. I hope I haven't forced anyone to think too much. Ross will be back next week. Until then, keep smiling.

Turnout disappointing, but conference a success

by JIM BUCHHEIM

Although turnout for the "Stewardship of Natural Resources" conference wasn't what he hoped for, coordinator Sam Michaelson, professor of English, said the conference was still a success.

"Attendance for both days wasn't as good as I had hoped, but the conference was still very good," Michaelson said. "Nothing went wrong, and the Food Service cooperated way beyond what could be expected."

The purpose of the conference was to make people aware of the problems with our natural resources and offer solutions to those problems. In that respect, the conference was a tremendous success, Michaelson said.

"We had a real good group of people, very authoritative and involved in the issue of conservation," Michaelson said. "I was surprised with how much I learned."

The eight speakers discussed issues ranging from the loss of four million tons of Iowa topsoil each year, to problems with exporting U.S. agricultural products.

Marty Strange, co-director of the Center for Rural Affairs, and a farmer himself, told a Thursday afternoon audience, consisting primarily of Iowa farmers, that the crux of both problems is money.

"We are simply consuming topsoil, and this will go on unless changes are made," Strange said. "We are financially

committed to erosion."

Strange explained that farmers must use their entire farmland to hopefully break even, financially. Farmers fear conserving would cause them to go broke.

"Farmland [which has tripled in value since 1970] is so valuable, we can't let people own it, if all they're going to do is farm it," Strange said. "Farming income simply won't cover the costs."

The value of farmland and decreasing farm income are two reasons farmers must now export. Before 1970, exporting was done rarely. Now that is not the case.

"There is so much money and debt in farmland, farmers export now, because it is financially necessary," Strange said.

He added, some farmers are now risking their profits and conserving their topsoil, and more farmers must take on this commitment.

"We must restore to agriculture, the pride that makes erosion unwanted, but we don't because of the money," Strange said.

The final session of the conference closed with Charles McLaughlin, former president of the Iowa Association of the Soil Conservation Commissioners, quoting Chief Seattle. The famous leader once said, "Earth was not made for man, but man was made for the earth."

McLaughlin, perhaps, summed up the feelings of the speakers. He said, "This earth is our only earth, why is soil conservation an issue?"



Wartburg President Robert L. Vogel introduces former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland (seated) to the audience at the natural resources conference.

Bergland speaks on ag dependency at natural resources conference

by SHARON AGER

The inter-relatedness of U.S. agriculture and the international world market was the subject of Thursday's convocation, featuring Robert Bergland, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Bergland was one of eight speakers at the "Stewardship of Natural Resources" conference.

Bergland began his address by advising listeners to reject the notion that the United States is independent. The U.S. is dependent upon other countries for agricultural markets and products. In the past, American agriculture's main problem was domestic; however, international political events during the 1970s have changed that, according to Bergland.

"We have tremendous assets—a third of the world's best land, a rain-fed agriculture and a basically good structure and mix in our farming system," Bergland said. "What we do not have is a sophisticated understanding of the problems in the world."

There are two worlds, in an agricultural context. Bergland described the first as small and rich and representing only one-fourth of the world's population.

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The second world is huge and poor and does not have the money to buy food products. Bergland explained that both worlds face problems with food security.

Japan, the biggest agricultural customer of the United States, is facing the question of importing more. Now, Japan imports half of what that nation eats and is cautious of becoming too dependent upon the United States for food.

Mexico, a representative of the second world, is also struggling with this dilemma of food security. Mexico is developing its own agricultural system, even though increased purchases from the United States would be cheaper.

"The notion of the world as a free market system is illusory, a dream," Bergland explained. "We deal in the political arena also, and that's the real world."

The U.S. is the economic shock absorber in this world, according to Bergland. America must export, but the ability of other nations to buy our exports is affected by the international monetary system. The devaluation of currency in foreign countries has consequences for U.S. agriculture.

"This year we have record breaking yields at home but devaluation abroad could curb exports. We are not an independent collection of farm enterprises,"

Bergland said. "The fact is, our trade policy is also a big part of our foreign policy."

To reflect this relationship, Bergland gave examples of political disagreements and economic sanctions preventing agricultural sales to countries such as the Soviet Union and Cuba.

In order to alleviate this situation, Bergland proposed reconsidering the government's role and also developing a system in which nations could provide treaties circumscribing their behavior. These treaties would include agreements by the countries to make their markets available.

Bergland also advocated establishing a system of conservation easements to regulate land use, tailoring federal farm programs for specific regions and protecting prime farmland from non-farm use.

"The government has the tendency to react and to do less well in long-range planning, but these proposed changes require an aggressive role on the part of the government," Bergland insisted. "We need to be ready with new ideas and approaches in 1985, when the present farm programs run out."



Neil Sampson emphasizes a point during his keynote speech. Sampson was one of the lecturers at last week's resources conference.



One of the people at the resources conference tours a cornfield near Waverly. Several experts warned of the effects of misuse of the land at the conference.

Conservationist decries land misuse in resources conference address

by SHARON AGER

Neil Sampson approached soil conservation issues from an ethical, a political and an economic perspective during his keynote address, "Farmland or Wasteland: A Time to Choose," at the Stewardship of Natural Resources Conference. He spoke in Neumann Auditorium Wednesday morning.

Sampson, executive vice president of the Soil Conservation Districts of the United States, gave examples of U.S. land being wasted and misused, but also made suggestions for changing this situation.

U.S. agriculture earns over \$40 million abroad, but Sampson indicated that this figure is deceptive. This statistic does not reflect the difficulties farmers experience because they are susceptible to the vagaries within the international market.

U.S. farmers are involved in a deepening financial crisis and are faced with two choices, according to Sampson. Farmers may either extend their credit lines or deplete their inventory. As a result, soil erosion has increased, while investment in conservation measures has decreased in the past few years. Sampson added that not only is the United States losing nearly 4 billion

tons of topsoil a year, but more farmland is being converted to urban usage.

"I'm not trying to indicate that we're running out of agricultural land, but that we are wasting our resources," Sampson said. "Common sense tells us there is a limit."

Sampson told the convocation audience that Americans are playing Russian roulette with U.S. land. He explained that we are wasting and misusing land in the hope that a future, scientific, technological miracle will restore those resources. However, research on soil conservation problems has been misdirected, according to Sampson.

Research may be focused in two ways. Sampson explained that research could either concentrate on how more products could be extracted faster from the soil, or on how to allow animals, people and plants to live in harmony with the soil. The present search for artificial, exploitive technologies was described, by Sampson, as a curse for the farmers who must keep their land productive each year.

Sampson also criticized the trend in agriculture toward larger and fewer farms.

"We are trying to get people off the land and to replace humans in rural

America with machines," Sampson said. "We have replaced labor with capital, machinery and technology, at a time when there is a surplus of labor and a shortage of money."

The possibility of obtaining additional congressional support of conservation programs exists, but Sampson indicated that, though congressional policy

Sampson reminded the audience that America's institutional agencies that deal with conservation issues are superior to those in other countries.

He advocated overhauling the national commodity programs and developing programs that reward, not penalize, farmers for following good conservation practices. The three major

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may offer short-term benefits, it often results in detrimental long-range effects. Sampson gave the example of the U.S. tax structure supporting the destruction of grasslands.

"It's obscene to pay for the misuse of land, but not to support conservation practices," Sampson said. "I tell a story of wasting our resources, but I think we can change that, and that there are things we can do."

changes Sampson suggested were: accelerating research, increasing federal government involvement and assistance and also becoming involved personally.

"We, who aren't farmers, can be more aggressive and demanding of rational use of the resources that support life," Sampson stated. "It's time we, as a people, show the political and moral courage to demand what needs to be done."

Lutherans merge at national meeting

by DENISE HERMANSTORFER

The American Lutheran Church (ALC) voted to approve merging with two other Lutheran Church bodies at the recent national convention in San Diego, CA.

The vote, which was 897-90, gives the go-ahead to a plan that calls for the planning of a new Lutheran church, incorporating the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) and the ALC, to which Wartburg belongs.

The proposal to create the new church body by 1987 was also approved at simultaneous conventions of the LCA and AELC.

According to the Rev. George Hanusa, coordinator of the Iowa District Office of the ALC in Des Moines, it is not known yet what the specific effects of the vote will be. He noted that the effects on colleges of the churches will probably be only minimal.

"Nobody really knows yet," Hanusa said about the effects of the vote, "and any ideas we do have are only pure speculation. It will be up to the 70-member group elected at the conventions to come up with specific suggestions."

The ALC will be represented by 31 members in that group. The committee includes 17 lay persons and 14 clergy, 18 men and 13 women, 26 whites and five minority persons.

The committee also includes representatives from the LCA and AELC,

and Hanusa said the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which chose not to join the merging churches, would possibly be given observer status. The committee will be headed by Dr. Arnold Mickelson, former general secretary of the ALC.

Hanusa said this group will work carefully to address all the questions of the merger that were raised at the three separate conventions.

"They will be laying the groundwork for a new church, not just a combining of the three church bodies," Hanusa said. "They will be working to come up with new kinds of structures to make the church more effective in ministry."

Hanusa added that he hoped the new church would allow for more global participation in the church, plus a broader power in the hands of the lay people.

"As Dave [Brown, Bishop of the Iowa District] suggested, there's no reason that a lay person could not be elected as Bishop," Hanusa said. "But most things will not seem different, although it may require the learning of different names and terms."

In higher education the merger will bring together 12 colleges in the Midwest — eight in the ALC (Wartburg, Luther, St. Olaf, Waldorf, Dana, Augsburg, Augustana of Sioux Falls, SD, and Concordia of Moorhead, MN) and four in the Lutheran Church in America (Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, MN; Augustana, Rock Island, IL; Carthage, Kenosha, WI; and Grand View of Des Moines).



Michael Cotter, a farmer from Austin, MN gestures while telling a story in the open air. John Mohan photo.

Initiation pains keep nurse busy

Students with freshman-initiation-related injuries have been "a large percentage" of those who have used the campus health service this fall, according to Randi Ellefson, campus nurse.

Students jam toes against walls and hit their heads as they collide in their required attempts to answer the phone, Ellefson said. Wet floors and stairs from water-throwing during initiation have

resulted in twisted ankles.

"It is good that all the RAs had to be certified in C.P.R. (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) during orientation," she said.

Ellefson also announced that her office hours have been increased by one hour to better meet the needs of the students. The new hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Luncheon buffet in Castle Room begins this Thursday

by LIISA CARLSTROM

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, students, staff and faculty will have the option of eating at a luncheon buffet in the Castle Room.

Sponsored by food council, the new leisure luncheon buffets cost an additional 50 cents for students and \$2.75 for staff and faculty.

The menu for these buffets include fresh fruit (Sept. 23), Mexican food (Oct. 7), a Halloween buffet (Oct. 28), a turkey buffet (Nov. 11) and shish kebab (Dec. 2).

Serving hours for the buffets are 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The buffets will be limited to the first 100 people because of limited seating.

High school visitation day slated for Saturday

Many high school students will be on campus Saturday, Sept. 25, as Wartburg holds Visitation Day. Every year the college holds several Visitation Days to acquaint prospective students with Wartburg.

During the day, high school students get a chance to tour the campus. They will be guided by Wartburg students who have volunteered for the duty. The high school students will also meet and

visit with professors, administration, staff, Wartburg students, financial aid staff and other people who will help them decide if Wartburg College is right for them.

One special opportunity these students will have is to see the Wartburg-Luther football game Saturday afternoon. Some of the visitors will also stay overnight with their tour guides and experience college night life.



Storyteller Larry Johnson gives an outdoor performance at the foot of the statue at the Bremer County Court House. Barb Kluesner photo.



38 Special

38 Special makes break from rock stereotype

They are not your typical boy-next-door types. Southern rock musicians have long held a reputation for being fiercely antagonistic, rebellious, crude and naughty madhatters. 38 Special is no different, with one exception: they don't want to be labeled southern rockers.

In the early 1970s, when the Allman Brothers ruled as laureate poets of the provincial southern rock idiom, they had to battle against a horde of over-amplified, top-heavy metal rockers. Perhaps southern rock embodied a "final" attempt to bring rock and roll to the homeground.

A slew of bands followed suit when the Allman Brothers started getting rave notices — the Charlie Daniels Band, the Atlanta Rhythm Section, the Outlaws, the Marshall Tucker Band, Elvin Bishop and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

By the end of the decade, southern rock had had its long run. The controlled frenzy had dissipated into a prosaic mold. That was not the end though. A new breed of southern rockers emerged, ready to redefine southern rock for a revived success. Some of them took a different approach, and broke through the tough barricade.

"Southern rock was a convenient phrase. We all grew up with rock and roll, and then fused the music of the south, rockabilly and soul, for something different. Pop musicologists will insist it's southern rock. We're nothing more than rock and roll musicians," said Donnie Van Zant, 38 Special's lead singer, during a press conference to mark the release of its new LP, "Special Forces."

Call it anything you like, but southern rock has several distinctions. There is an aggression in the performance of southern rock music. The listener is unsuspectingly led into the bawdy, rowdy and often violent lifestyles of rockers from the south.

There is another distinction too. Southern rock bands, 38 Special included, possess a relentless drive to perform live every chance they get. 38 Special, for instance, spends nine months in a year criss-crossing the tangents of America. There is no less notoriety than the real life escapades of these southern boys at their shows.

The situation wasn't always very easy for 38 Special. On its first three albums, the group was seen as soft-focus Lynyrd Skynyrd imitators. Although the group had garnered a steady fan following, it wasn't until 1981 with "Wild-Eyed Southern Boys" when

the paced picked up significantly. That album was loaded with a platinum bullet and spawned two hit singles, "Hold On Loosely" and "Fantasy Girl."

This year, the group has taken its success one notch higher. 38 Special's latest album, "Special Forces" shows every sign of being the group's best selling album to date, with a Top Ten single, "Caught Up In You."

The success journey has been a long, weary one. Looking back, everyone in the group agrees that "determination and persistence made it happen."

In Jacksonville, FL, every father had high hopes for his son. At the Van Zant household, music never paid the bills, at least not until Ronnie's success with Lynyrd Skynyrd. Meanwhile, the younger Donnie too had decided music was in his bloodstream, and put together a band comprising high school friends Don Barnes, Steve Brookings, Jeff Carlisi and Jack Grondin. Bassist Larry Junstrom joined later.

"We had nothing to start with except a belief in ourselves and our music. There was a great amount of tension too. Our parents wanted us to get regular jobs, or join the service. We opted to struggle through every obstacle," recalled Barnes.

In the early days, the band traveled in an Econoline van, which constantly broke down, slept four to a motel room, and lived on a princely \$2.50 per day for meals while doing the bars circuit. Those were the rough-and-tumble days — long hours of work, and a future as bleak as the places they played in.

"When we first got our act together, we used to shack out in an abandoned auto parts warehouse to rehearse. The place was boarded up, and we had to enter the building by climbing up a drainpipe. Someone had apparently complained of the noise, and the police, suspecting we were a voodoo drug cult, surrounded the building and yelled over the bullhorns, 'Come on out peacefully, or these 38 Specials will take you to jail.' We got the group name from that incident, and fortunately, no one has since taken any shots at us," said Donnie.

In the fiery southern rock mode, 38 Special made its impact scouring the downtown bars in Jacksonville where "if there's no pretty girl enough to start a fight over, you start a fight anyway."

Three years of rousing bar dates later, the group finally attracted the attention of Lynyrd Skynyrd's manager when he heard a demo they had cut. Soon, the band opened shows for premier acts like Peter Frampton, Johnny Winter and Kiss.

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Series season 'international'

It will be an international Artist Series at Wartburg College this season, according to Director Franklin E. Williams.

There will be dance from Egypt, jazz from America, ballet from Canada, a Soviet-born pianist and a quintet from Norway.

The season opens Thursday, Oct. 14, with The Festival of the Nile, and then continues Monday, Nov. 8, with the Smithsonian Jazz Repertory Ensemble, Wednesday, Jan. 18, with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, 14, with pianist Sedmara Zakarian and concludes Wednesday, April 6, with the Norwegian Wind Quintet.

All programs will begin at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Wartburg students may obtain tickets for each number by presenting their activity ticket at the Neumann Auditorium box office on announced dates.

The Festival of the Nile has already captivated audiences from Persepolis to Bizerte to the great festivals of Europe and Africa. Making its first American tour this year, this "Gift from the Nile" features Egyptian artists, who evoke both the popular Egyptian world and the mythology of the Pharaohs with ritual music, epic ballads, folk songs and exotic dances.

A variety of colorful dances will be performed, including "bellydancing," the "zikr" dance of colorful whirling skirts, the "stick dance" which engages men in graceful turning arcs through bamboo poles and a "combat dance," rousing in its speed.

Pulsating tribal folk music, handed down from father to son, accompanies these haunting dances. The audience will hear such instruments as the souffara, mizmar, rababa and duf.

The Smithsonian Jazz Repertory Ensemble will offer Artist Series goes musical programming that covers a wide spectrum of jazz history. Led by its artistic director, clarinetist and saxophonist Bob Wilber, the Ensemble has featured such artists as pianists Dick Hyman and Dick Wellstood, drummers Panama Francis and Connie Kay, bassists Major Holley, guitarists Bucky Pizzarelli and Marty Grosz, trumpeters Jimmy Maxwell and Warren Vache, trombonist Jack Gale and others.

Its repertoire includes works by King Oliver, Jelly Roll Morton, Bix Beiderbecke, Duke Ellington, James P. Johnson, Fats Waller and such modern giants as Charlie Parker and Thelonious Monk. Each program includes at least one extemporaneous "jam session."

Its director is a graduate of both Julliard and Eastman and has been associated with such celebrated musicians as Sidney Bechet, Bobby Hackett, Benny Goodman, Eddie Condon and others. He directed the Ensemble's forthcoming recording of the music of Fats Waller and James P. Johnson.

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet of Canada is making a return appearance to the Artist Series stage. This company, which has been heralded by the New York Daily News as "one of the finest ensembles of young dancers in the world today," has performed before more than 150,000 fans in North America and has appeared in 423 cities in 25 countries.

In 1980, it capped its long list of achievements by winning seven medals in two months. It first won a bronze medal for performance and a gold medal for choreography at the World Ballet Concours in Japan. A month later, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet performed at the Olympiad of dance events, the International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria, and returned to Canada with five medals.

Soviet-born pianist Sedmara Zakarian has proven to be a master of music as diverse as Bach and Scriabin. Beginning her career at age five, she studied at the Special Music School for Gifted Children in Leningrad and later at the prestigious Leningrad Conservatory. She received an honors diploma and later was admitted for post graduate study in performance and was invited to join the faculty at the conservatory, a post she held until her departure to the U.S. in 1974.

Warwick's 'formula' works well

She is plainly a bundle of contradictions. After two decades, Dionne Warwick remains very much an anomaly in pop music. Burt Bacharach's collaborations with the singer in the 1960s produced a slew of memorable hits.

Breaking away from the Bacharach stable in the early 1970s, Warwick ventured into the soul idiom. The mild-mannered hits were less impressive, and apart from one Top Ten hit, "Then You Came" (with the Spinners), none of them evoked the magical aura of the Warwick sound.

The new phase in Warwick's storybook success began two years ago, when she signed with Arista. Like plastic surgery, Warwick's sound was transformed to glossy, pop-soul mixtures. Producer Barry Manilow (yes, the same one who has had a flock of flavorless housewife hits) drained the raw vocal edge in Warwick's output and transplanted it with a cool, soulful slickness. The result was a smash pop, rhythm and blues, and soul history: three hits and renewed favor.

Warwick's unique vocal phrasing has always been her winning ticket. Apart from her teamings with the Spinners and Issac Hayes, Warwick has

remained a star in her own right. Now, the singer adds another feather in her colorful cap with a vocal adventure with Johnny Mathis.

You can feel it throbbing, but there is hardly any soul in Warwick's singing. She makes every song her own, defying category or stereotyping. Her sound is sheer elegance. On "Betcha By Golly Wow," a hit for the Stylistics 10 years ago, Warwick's effortless, windy vocal stance gives it renewed strength.

Some die-hard fans may find this clean, polished style too mellow. There's no escaping that notion. Throughout the album, the tempo rarely reaches beyond midtempo. Her dressy vocal style makes it worth a listen, though. Warwick weaves her vocal chords, teases and tantalizes—but never forces.

The formula works well. Guitarist Jay Graydon's slick production is more rhythm oriented. Warwick's vocals remain upfront, while the instrumental artistry is never far behind.

The musical backup plays an important role on this album. It unites some of the best sessionists, including such stalwarts as Michael Omartian,

Larry Carlton, Richard Page, Robbie Buchanan and the rhythm section of Toto. Stevie Wonder also guests on his song, "With a Touch."

The duet songs—"Got You Where I Want You" and "Friends in Love"—are easily the highlights. But in an album filled with ballad gems, the best ones are hard to name, although the cover version of "Can't Hide Love" and my per-



Reviews

by CHRISTIE LEO

sonal favorite, "A Love So Right," accompanied by David Foster's brilliant keyboard work, take top honors, too.

No one said a black singer had to sound black. Warwick takes it just one step further. She isn't pop, either. Dionne Warwick transcends pop clichés. And thankfully, the formula has worked well.

38 Special finds road to success

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It was an exciting time for the group. They were finally playing before a live audience of 10,000 music fans (as compared to 10 skid-row bums in a bar), and had a recording contract with A&M.

"We had cut two albums, and were on the threshold of national success. It was also a time of bitter irony. 38 Special was everybody's idea of what we were supposed to sound like, except our own. We had come too far to stop. So, with label support, the group headed back to Jacksonville and wrote the kind of songs we wanted," said Don.

The group returned as headliners with a hit single, "Rocking Into The Night." It was a new beginning, one which has grown from strength to strength ever

since.

Times had changed. 38 Special not only wrote better songs, but also put on a visually appealing stage show. Pint-sized Donnie was responsible for much of this acclaim. His energy recalled the spirited spark of the Who's Roger Daltrey and the stage animalism of Mick Jagger. The group supported him with a frequency distortion that has become in the indelible trademark of gutsy rock and roll.

A newspaper critic noted the group's "instant ability to conjure a spirit of celebration... any time they set up their amplifier."

38 Special is crowd-oriented. In the recording studio, they let their pent-up energies go berserk.

"Recording is but a component in the music business. We feel strongly that touring is an integral part of our musical activity. We love to communicate with an audience, and want them to be a part of us when we perform," said Donnie.

The new album, "Special Forces," clearly shows the transition from hard crushing rock to "commercial" rock. 38 Special has transcended from the category of a southern rock band to upfront rock and roll.

The group is now shooting hit singles in the right direction. There's hope yet for these wild-eyed southern boys. 38 Special has just crossed the border.

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Storyteller Larry Johnson uses the water faucet as a prop in one of his stories. Barb Kluesner photo.

A tale of a storyteller

by EILEEN ZAHN

Once upon a time, there was a man who liked to tell stories. He told his stories to children at summer camps.

One day the man got a job on a television show, telling his stories. When people saw him, they invited him to tell his stories for them.

And that's how Larry Johnson came to be known as a storyteller. Johnson was the featured storyteller at last week's Cedar River Storytellers Festival.

"That's the thing about television," Johnson said. "You go on it, and you're a star."

"Storytelling is something most people do but just don't realize it," Johnson said. "I found out how much I enjoyed it when I worked at summer camps. I told the kids stories to keep them from being destructive."

Johnson tells his stories mainly to elementary-age children but also enjoys working with adults.

He is the media coordinator of Abbott-Northwestern and Minnesota Children's Hospitals, and he developed the "Electronic Get-Well Card." Johnson lets children appear on television, making their own show, and finds that the children forget their pains for a little while.

Johnson will soon be the media consultant for the Minneapolis school system.

"I'm excited about my new job," Johnson said. "It'll offer me new challenges. But someday I'd like

to just do storytelling and not have to rely on another job. Storytelling is my first love."

Larry Johnson is easy to like. Even when he recites facts, he makes them sound like stories. His hands are rarely still.

"Until 10 years ago, the only places you could find storytellers were libraries or summer camps. Today there are even groups like the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling."

"At least half of what I do is made up. That's how I got started. I have about 50 stories I do," Johnson said. "I've started writing down some of my material, and one just got accepted by a magazine."

Johnson thinks that radio, television and paper are all good mediums for storytelling. "You have to be free. Theater will never be storytelling, because, night after night, the lines never change. It has no spontaneity."

"I think everyone should try storytelling. The easiest stories to tell are the ones you tell about yourself and your experiences. You can't tell a story you don't like, so it's important to be comfortable with it."

"Work at it," Johnson said. "Push yourself, and suddenly you'll be over your fears. It sounds easy, but it isn't."

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Harriers aim to knock off Luther

The Wartburg men's cross country team has one goal in mind — to end Luther's 11 year stranglehold on the Iowa Conference title.

The men finished ninth in the 15 team Takle All-American Team Race, Saturday. Junior Scott Smith covered the four-mile course in 21:15 to finish 35th in the meet and pace the Knights.

Freshman Joel Alexander finished 44th, sophomore Dan Huston placed 51st, senior Brad Knutson finished 61st and sophomore Wayne McClintock finished 69th to complete the Knight's 260 team scoring.

Despite the placing, there is little concern on the team.

"Our long-term goal for the season is to knock off Luther who has won the conference meet the last 11 years in a row. The team before them was Wartburg (in 1970)," said Smith.

"We're realistic we can do it this year. We feel there isn't a team we can't beat," he adds.

With eight lettermen returning to the line-up, the Knights would seem well equipped to challenge for a conference title.

Wartburg returns two of three runners who finished in the top ten of last year's conference meet: Smith who finished seventh and junior Steve Rogers who finished ninth. The Knight's only loss to graduation was Denis Huston who finished eighth.

Wartburg finished third overall last year, only seven points behind Luther and six back of second place Central, earning coach John Kurtt co-coach of the year for Iowa Conference honors.

Returning lettermen for Wartburg include Smith, Rogers, Huston, Knutson, McClintock, seniors Bill Puffett and Kevin Lunn and junior Todd Martensen.

Martensen placed 12th, McClintock 14th, Knutson 15th and Huston placed 17th in last year's conference run.

Juniors Tom Gauerke and Brent Lawler, sophomore Jim Buchheim and freshmen Max Hansen, John White and David Hughes round out this year's squad.

Wartburg returns a lot of runners who worked hard over the summer, including high altitude training in Colorado, according to Kurtt.

Kurtt said the biggest question on the squad right now is how soon Rogers will be able to bounce back from a foot injury.

"We need him back if we are to be competitive," said Kurtt.

"We lack one outstanding runner that we can depend on for a high finish in every race. We need to develop an outstanding runner who can get one of the top spots and then maintain the team balance we now have," said Kurtt.

Kurtt was not particularly displeased with his team's placing Saturday.

"I feel that all our runners performed well and that we're on our schedule," said Kurtt.

Members of the team are quick to confirm Kurtt's strategy.

"We only care about being ready for conference and regional," said Knutson.

"Coach Kurtt points us in the right direction and we don't push too hard because we want to peak at conference," adds Smith.



Benefitting from high-altitude training, the men's cross country team continues its workouts at the Waverly Golf Course. The top five Wartburg finishers at the Luther Invitational (left to right), junior Scott Smith, 35th; freshman Joel Alexander, 44th; senior Brad Knutson, 61st; sophomore Dan Huston, 51st; and sophomore Wayne McClintock, 69th; prepare for the season. Jim Buchheim photo.



Junior Melissa Jellings returns a shot during a tennis match. Jellings has been playing fourth-flight singles for the Knights this season. Sue Tuttle photo.

Talent-laden Netters seek improvement

First-year coach Gayle Stensland sees the Wartburg women's tennis team as having the talent with which to build a good team in the next few years.

Stensland, a teacher in the Waverly-Shell Rock school system, saw her team open up with a 6-3 victory over Upper Iowa, Wednesday, September 8, and fall to Buena Vista 6-3, Friday, September 10, and Cornell 9-0, the following day.

Wartburg also lost a tight match, 5-4 to Central Tuesday, but rebounded to beat Loras 6-3 on Saturday.

Juniors Diane Kramer, Patty Fisher and Julie Starr all had singles victories against Central. Kramer and junior Carla Niemeyer gave Wartburg their only doubles victory against Central.

Junior Nadine Zelle, Niemeyer, Kramer, Fisher and sophomore Trudie Heikila scored singles victories against Loras. Zelle and junior Mellisa Jellings teamed for the Knights' lone doubles victory against Loras.

Zelle, Niemeyer, Jellings and Fisher are Wartburg's only returning letterwinners. These four, along with Kra-

mer, who is a transfer from Texas Lutheran, will be the nucleus to this year's team, according to Stensland.

"Our four letterwinners have gained experience and confidence despite their previous records and should improve," said Stensland.

"Kramer has a lot of experience both in team and tournament competition. She'll push our one and two players real hard and I wouldn't be surprised if she moved into one of those slots by the end of the season," added Stensland.

"Our first three players have a lot of talent," said Stensland. "Actually, we have talent throughout our first six players. Most teams feel fortunate to have two or three talented players."

"Right now our doubles play needs a lot of work. We were tied 3-3 against Buena Vista and then lost all three of our doubles matches. We also lost two-of-three doubles matches to Upper Iowa after winning five of our singles matches," explained Stensland.

"We need to work more on our strategy, strokes and fundamentals," Stensland said.

Knights face Luther after falling, 38-0

by MATT WALKER

Wartburg opens Iowa Conference football action this weekend against arch-rival Luther, after suffering a 38-0 white-wash at the hands of Northeast Missouri State, Saturday in Schield Stadium.

The Knights threatened several times but were never able to get the ball across the end zone against the NCAA Division II Bulldogs. Meanwhile, several Knight turnovers led to Northeast scores.

Sophomore quarterback Gary Walljasper threw for 258 yards, but the Knights' running game was stopped cold by an experienced Bulldog front line, anchored by 290-pound tackle Ligo Letuli. Letuli, an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American last year, and his mates held the Knights to just 50 yards on the ground.

Senior Mike Ward, who ran for 168 yards in last week's win over Cornell, could muster only 56 yards on 17 carries against the Bulldogs.

Wartburg Coach Don Canfield praised Northeast and called it a "very good team." Canfield also criticized himself for several offensive calls when the Knights were threatening to score.

"I varied from our game plan" on the series near the Bulldogs' goal line, Canfield said. "We could have had a couple chip-shot field goals."

Northeast Missouri drove 89 yards on its first possession and scored when Ken Weik ran one yard for the touchdown at the 10:34 mark in the first quarter.

Northeast scored again a little over two minutes later, when Weik ran into the end zone from a yard out. That score was set-up when Wartburg tried a fake punt, and junior Scott Fritz's pass was intercepted by Jeff Fleckenstein, who returned the ball 38 yards to the Knights' 16-yard line.

Wartburg threatened early in the second quarter, but Walljasper's pass to Fritz was incomplete on a fourth-and-goal play from the Bulldog six.

Northeast scored two more times in the first half, once after Darren Blair returned an interception to the Wartburg nine.

Wartburg's defense held the Bulldogs to 145 yards of total offense in the second half, when Northeast scored 14 points. The Bulldogs finished with 475 yards of total offense for the day, while Wartburg totaled 308.

Canfield said, "As the game continued, our young men realized they could compete, and compete very well with Northeast Missouri." He also said the defense played better than in last week's win over Cornell.

Sophomores Steve Rodriguez and Brad Bowman were the Knights' unofficial leaders in tackles, with 10 each.

The Bulldogs' final score of the game came on a pass interception by Don Faaiuso, who caught a deflected pass by the Knights' Todd Youngstrom, a sophomore, in the Wartburg backfield and ran 20 yards for the score.

Northeast Missouri Coach Bruce Craddock said he thought the Bulldogs "executed pretty good." He also complemented Wartburg and Waverly on their hospitality. He also said that Wartburg has enough talent to contend for the Iowa Conference crown.

The Knights begin their quest for the title this Saturday, when they host Luther at 1:30 p.m. at Schield Stadium. Last year, the Norsemen edged Wartburg, 13-12, on a rain-soaked field in Decorah.

Luther returns the conference's leading rusher from a year ago, Larry Davis. Canfield said the Knights must stop Davis, if they are to win.



Sophomore Gary Walljasper, who threw for 258 yards Saturday, gets off one of his 35 passes under a heavy rush which he encountered throughout the afternoon. Benno Eschweiler photo.

Women travel to Loras; Men golfers win easily

by KEVIN BASKINS

The Wartburg women's golf team will play in the Loras Invitational in Dubuque, Friday, and host its own invitational, Saturday. The women finished second to Central in Saturday's Simpson Invitational.

Freshman Stacey Snyder shot an 88 to pace the Knights. Junior Kathy Koppenhaver shot a 94, sophomore Kym Powell shot a 96 and freshman Laurel Kauffman shot a 98 to round out Wartburg's team score.

Simpson, William Penn and St. Ambrose finished third, fourth and fifth respectively behind Central and Wartburg.

The men's team whipped Simpson 310-343 in dual meet action, Saturday.

Freshman Trent Wilcox shot a 73 to capture medalist honors for Wartburg. Senior Pete Steinhauer shot a round of

78 for the Knights, followed by freshman Jeff Muench with a 79 and sophomore Todd Anderson with an 80.

Coach Earnest Oppermann said he was happy with the way both men's and women's teams played.

"We did excellent despite the trying conditions," said Oppermann.

"There was three inches of rain the day before, so we ran into a lot of casual water. Holes two, three and four looked like mud baths," said Oppermann. "There was no roll on the ball at all."

Oppermann was particularly pleased with the effort of Snyder.

"This is the first time this year one of our women has broken 90," said Oppermann.

Snyder finished third overall behind Central's Tracy Foster and Kim Doyle who shot rounds of 84 and 86 respectively.

Soccer team hopes to rebound against Dordt

by KEVIN BASKINS

Wartburg's soccer team hopes to rebound against Dordt, the defending NAIA District 15 champion, Saturday, in Sioux Center, after suffering two disappointing losses this weekend.

Coach Robert Emory called Wartburg's opening game in the Marycrest Tournament "a complete disaster." The Knights were pounded by Augustana of Rock Island, IL, 10-0, Friday.

"We did not play well at all," said Emory. "We did play better the second half allowing only two goals against us."

"We played the game in less than ideal circumstances, because it was raining, which made the ball slick and heavy," Emory said. "But the conditions were the same for Augustana," Emory added.

Wartburg lost its consolation game, Saturday, 2-1, against Knox.

"That's the best game we've played so far this year," said Emory.

"We had good teamwork and communication from all of our players," Emory said. This is the first time this year we've played as a unit.

"This was a total team effort and it would be difficult to pick out a single outstanding player."

"The team played with gusto and our passing game was greatly improved from Friday," said Emory.

Wartburg's only score was on a penalty kick from junior Carlos Ramirez.

Augustana defeated Marycrest in the finals, 4-1, to capture the team title.

Emory said that his team is continuing to progress well.

"We will have to work hard this week on our goal-shot accuracy and making our forward line more aggressive," said Emory.



Senior Jim Luth rides Northeast Missouri State running back Jeff Spencer to the turf as junior Jeff Glaw (right), sophomores Steve Rodriguez and Reg Leonard, who had trouble with the referee, pursue. Jon Gremmels photo.

Volleyball team loses twice, looks for first win at Coe

Coach Kathy Meyer and her Wartburg volleyball team will be looking for their first victory Wednesday night in matches against Grinnell and Coe in Cedar Rapids.

The Knights won their first game 15-13 against Central Tuesday night before losing three straight by 4-15, 5-15 and 7-15 scores. Wartburg fared better against Cornell, Friday, winning the first game 15-5 losing the second and third 4-15, 14-16, winning the fourth 15-7 and losing the finale 8-15.

Meyer cited junior Lori Hawn, sophomore Shari Dean and freshman Toni Gorman as having good performances.

"Lori had a good defensive game for us; Toni played well in the front line on offense especially spiking and Shari did a good job setting for us," said Meyer.

"We've played good so far this season and we are improving every match. We still lack communication, intensity and concentration, though," said Meyer.

The women will also play in the Iowa Conference Meet at Pella, Friday and Saturday.



Furious net action during last Tuesday's match against Central. John Mohan photo.

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This Weekend

the substitutes

Of cowboys, wallbangers and the promised land

Week one of the fresh football season found some expected victors on the lower end of the won-lost column. One such team is the Dallas Cowboys.

That's right, the Dallas Cowboys, the team America loves to hate. The Cowboys lost their first season-opener since 1964. The opening-game winning streak is an NFL (National Football League) record. But there are morons who actually think the Cowboys will not return to the playoffs after one mere loss.

One game isn't the season. But the question at

another NFL record; and last, but not least, they are the winningest team in the NFL since 1960.

Not bad for a team that won only 19 games its first five seasons, an average of just about 3.8 games per season, and now is recognized the world over as one of the most successful teams in all of sports history.

I don't blame people for hating the Dallas Cowboys, though. Those people are simply jealous because their favorites will never accomplish the things the Cowboys have.

Just one more point on the Cowboys: Do you know why there is a hole in the roof of Texas Stadium. The answer is simple, so God can look down on His team. Now before you go jumping all over me, I didn't make that up. A Green Bay Packer fan told me that one, and I got a kick out of it too.

Switching from football to baseball. The National League races are so hot, we may not find out who wins until the last game of the season.

St. Louis and Philadelphia are knocking heads in the East, while the ever-present Dodgers are holding off the Atlanta Braves in the West. In the American League East, the Brewers have the best record in the majors.

Skipper Harvey Kuenn's "Wallbangers" lead the majors in homeruns, led by Gorman Thomas, Cecil Cooper and Ben Oglivie.

The Brew Crew's Robin Yount is second in batting with a .326 average and Cooper has 110 runs batted in, good enough for third best in the League. Pete Vuckovich paces the majors in pitching with a 17-4 record and 3.21 earned run average.

Impressive, but can they win it all? That remains to be seen with the red-hot Orioles breathing down their necks, but I think they can hold on to claim the East.

Center Moses Malone has finally found the promised land. He got traded to the Philadelphia 76ers for Caldwell Jones and first-round draft pick, for a reported six-year, \$13 million deal. That's a good, honest living for just playing basketball.

A calculated risk is what the Milwaukee Bucks are taking by signing former All-Pro center Dave Cowens, who's coming out of retirement to play for the Bucks.

Cowens departed before the 1980-81 season and has two years of rust to shake off, but he says coming back is a real challenge, and I won't argue with him on that issue.

In reference to the NFL's players' strike. I'm like all you other football nuts who won't know what to do without any grid-iron action on Sunday afternoon. The players have a good point.

They take many chances for serious injury for the enjoyment of the management and the public. After all, if not for the fan buying tickets, souvenirs, hot dogs and a cool one or two, the management would be non-existent. We the football fans are making the management rich for the work the players do.

Have you ever seen your favorite team's owner hit the game winning homerun, or score the winning touchdown, or slam-dunk the winning bucket? I didn't think so. Neither have I. Why pay for something you can't see. Support the players; without them it's hopeless.

If it happens tomorrow, my Sundays will not be spent watching Marlyn Perkins and his "Wild Kingdom" or listening to Harry Caray singing "Take Me Out to a Cubs Game." I'll turn off the tube first.

Sports Quiz: What former gridiron great holds the NFL record for most consecutive games played in a career? Who was it and how many games did he play? (Answer in the next issue).

When in doubt... punt

by DAN RUND



hand is, have you ever noticed how many people actually hate the Dallas Cowboys?

Since I've been a devout Cowboy fan since 1967, I understand peoples' jealousies and take it all with a grain of salt. They have been to the Super Bowl a record five times, have been crowned World Champions in 1972 and 1978, have had 16 consecutive winning seasons and have made 15 trips to the playoffs. They own 12 division championships; five NFC championships; 31 playoff game appearances,

scoreboard

Football				
NE Missouri State	14	10	0	14-38
Wartburg	0	0	0	0-0
NEMS—Ken Weik 1 run (Dave Austinson kick)				
NEMS—Weik 1 run (Austinson kick)				
NEMS—Weik 4 run (Austinson kick)				
NEMS—FG Austinson 28				
NEMS—Weik 1 run (Austinson kick)				
NEMS—Don Faaiuso 20 pass interception (Austinson kick)				
	NEMS		Wartburg	
First Downs	26		15	
Rushes-yards	58-224		33-50	
Passing yards	251		258	
Return yards	127		19	
Passes	18-35-3		17-39-5	
Punts	3-40-6		4-41-0	
Fumbles-lost	6-4		2-2	
Penalties-yards	11-100		5-79	

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Rushing—NEMS, Spencer 18-95, Furgason 7-71, Weik 15-39, Hayes 5-34, McGovern 6-28, Addison 3-20, Reese 3-13, Ates 1-1. Wartburg, Ward 17-56, Lincoln 3-16, Youngstrom 3-12, Lines 2-7, Henningson 2(-1), Hueser 1(-2), Walljasper 5(-38).
 Passing—NEMS, Hayes 15-30-3-215, Ates 3-4-0-36. Wartburg, Walljasper 17-35-3-258, Youngstrom 0-3-1-0, Fritz 0-1-1-0.
 Receiving—NEMS, Otte 6-103, Egofski 6-65, Spencer 4-43, Furgason 3-21, Forsythe 1-13, Cuthbert 1-8, Wartburg, Lincoln 3-61, Fritz 3-58, Ward 4-56, Horick 2-36, Koll 2-31, Hueser 2-19, Waters 1(-3).

Men's Golf

Wartburg 310, Simpson 343
 Wartburg scores:
 Trent Wilcox, 73; Pete Steinhauer, 78; Jeff Muench, 79; Todd Anderson, 80.

Volleyball

Central defeated Wartburg, 13-15, 15-4, 15-5, 15-7
 Cornell defeated Wartburg, 5-15, 15-4, 16-14, 7-15, 15-8

Women's Golf

Team scoring:
 Central, 357; Wartburg, 376; Simpson, 380; William Penn, 397; St. Ambrose, 416.
 Wartburg scores:
 Stacey Snyder, 88; Kathy Koppenhaver, 94; Kym Powell, 96; Laurel Kauffmann, 98.

Women's Cross Country

at Luther Invitational:
 Wartburg finished 13th
 Wartburg finishers:
 Sarah Lutz, 38th; Lisa Hammerand, 74th; Liz Rogers, 82nd; Jane Brosen, 83rd; Linda Strempeke, 86th.

Women's Tennis

Central 5, Wartburg 4
 Pam Coon (C) def. Nadine Zelle, 6-0, 6-2
 Cindy Woelka (C) def. Carla Niemeyer, 6-1, 6-2
 Diane Kramer (W) def. Lori Maddy, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4
 Sue Franklin (C) def. Melissa Jellings, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4
 Patty Fisher (W) def. Cathy Palmer, 6-2, 6-3
 Julie Starr (W) def. Deb Bellis, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3
 Coon-Woelka (C) def. Zelle-Jellings, 6-2, 6-1
 Niemeyer-Kramer (W) def. Franklin-Bellis, 6-1, 7-5
 Maddy-Palmer (C) def. Fisher-Starr, 6-4, 6-2

Wartburg 6, Loras 3
 Zelle (W) def. Jo Roibordy, 6-1, 6-3
 Niemeyer (W) def. Erin Berry, 7-6, 6-2
 Kramer (W) def. Lisa Furland, 6-3, 6-1
 Janice Hantem (L) def. Jellings, 6-1, 6-4
 Fisher (W) def. Laura Crane, 6-3, 6-0
 Trudie Heikilla (W) def. Terri Ament, 6-0, 6-0
 Zelle-Jellings (W) def. Roibordy-Ament, 10-6
 Berry-Hantem (L) def. Niemeyer-Kramer, 10-8
 Furland-Crane (L) def. Fisher-Heikilla, 10-7

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Russ Rossum: All-round right-hand man

by FRANK GIBBARD

If someday the student employment office should send you to work in the cafeteria, and if you should wind up in the back room scrubbing pots and pans in solitude, take heart! Russ Rossum will be there to break the monotony with his raucous laugh, flaming red hair and Santa Claus girth. He laughs, he jokes, he tap dances on the counters. He dares (jokingly) women to kiss him and men to fight him. He almost makes you forget you're at work.

Students who have worked with Russ have nothing but kind words for him.

"Russ made cafe life better," says senior Becky Gerth.

"He sure made working in the cafe a lot easier," says senior Eva O'Riley.

"He's the **only** thing that made cafe work enjoyable," insists senior Kurt Kehl. Russ seems to exert a magical influence over student workers in the cafe, making them value their experience more.

That's the side of Russ most students know. But his carefree exterior hides a serious family

man with a B.A. degree in political science and a minor in biology from Luther College. Since Russ graduated from Luther, he's held a variety of jobs in Waverly, mostly in grocery stores, and has accumulated a lot of practical experience.

Russ came to Wartburg five years ago, when the grocery store where he was working went out of business two weeks before he was supposed to get married. He now has no plans to continue his education (although he'd like to take some management courses).

"I'd rather devote more time to my family," he said.

Russ is Food Service Director Don Juhl's right-hand man at the cafeteria—he keeps things running as smoothly as possible. His duties include taking inventory of dry and frozen products, unloading the delivery trucks, maintenance, ordering foods (with Juhl's approval) and helping in the dishroom and kitchen. But anyone who's worked there will tell you that he does a heck of a lot more than that. From bringing up crates from the basement to carting plates to the front line, Russ often seems to be everywhere at once.

He's a jack-of-all-trades, by necessity. Is the dishwasher spitting water? Is there a fork stuck in it? Call Russ. Did a milk carton just explode while a busboy was hauling it out of the cooler? Russ again. Are the unloaders too slow to get all the plates out on the line? Russ will help. Is the steamer about to explode? Get Russ out here in a hurry! Everybody's important in keeping the cafeteria running, of course, but you seem to see Russ out there more often, keeping things moving.

His long-range goal is to be food service director, either at Wartburg ("Don't tell Don I want his job," he joked) or somewhere else. He enjoys working with the students here (and they enjoy Russ) and with his co-workers. He likes food service. He's talented and experienced. He should have no problem finding an administrative position.

But he has a secret ambition: to own his own restaurant.

"Nobody knows what the future holds," he says. Indeed. But is the world really ready for Rossum-burgers?



Photos by Sue Tuttle

